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Parker and Olney.

And now comes the New York Sun with this observation about the Olney boom for the State Department:

"The Evening Star of Washington and the Springfield Republican have been dis-cussing with enthus asm the possibility that Mr. Parker, if elected, might pass over David Bennett Hill in choosing Mr. Hay's successor as Secretary of State and sum-mon Richard Olney to that highly important

post.
"There seems to be only one obstacle to this, but that obstacle is well nigh insuperable. There is a r d cal difference of opinion between Mr. Parker and Mr. Olney on the great questions of national policy as to outlying possessions and the military and naval equipment needed to enable us to meet the responsibilities of a full grown power. "Mr. Parker, for example, has declared for treating the Filipinos precisely as we have treated the Cubans.

"Mr. Olney, on the other hand, has declared for the annexation of Cuba; that is,

for treating the Cubans precisely as we have treated the Filipinos "It might be inconvenient to risk a clash

of opinions based on such a diametrically different conception of national opportunity and national duty. Mr. Olney is a very The fact must be taken into account, however, that Judge Parker is leading, not a homogeneous party, but an opposition made up of many contradictory elements. Im-

perialists and anti-imperialists are marching side by side for the overthrow of Theodore Roesevelt. Protectionists and free traders are standing together on a platform which denounces protection as robbery. Trust magnates and trust busters alike demand a new administration of the Department of Justice. Judge Parker is soliciting, and must have, the support of all these mer, and if they succeed in electing him he must remember them all in some position when he comes into his kingdom.

Now, in what fashion? Clearly Judge Parker could not afford to be pronouncedly one-sided in the organization of his administration and the distribution of his favors. By that sin fell Mr. Cleveland. How could Judge Parker, then-a mere man-hope to win by it? Mr. Cleveland, it will be remembered, turned the silver men away with nothing, after accepting their votes by the thousands, and denounced the protectionists in his party, although Mr. Gorman stood at their head in the Senate. After that, the disruption of the democracy was inevitable. The wonder was, and still is, that Mr. Bryan in democracy's name could poll so many votes while his record was so fresh.

Judge Parker if elected will probably try to hold together what he has succeeded in getting together. It will be a most difficult job, but as certain disaster would await him on the Cleveland road he will be obliged to take another. If Mr. Olney can afford to support Judge Parker for President knowing the candidate's views about foreign affairs, he can afford later to assist in making the administration he has helped bring into power a success. And if Judge Parker can afford to consult with Mr. Olney now, knowing his views about foreign affairs, why not later, when those affairs are devolving on him for action?

Olney, not Hill, seems to be the man. And if he returns to the State Department he is likely to give the Little American many a bad quarter of an hour.

Signs of Militarism.

Why do not the anti-imperialists suppress the soldier songs? Some of them really ought to be suppressed. "Militarism" seems to have made captive many musiclans, though this fact seems to have been overlooked by the political campaign liter-

there came reams of so-called "coon" songs, treating of chicken, water-'possum. There was the "Georgia Camp Meeting," "Whistling Rufus" and a whole catalogue of the like. Then the Indian had an inning, and "Hiawatha" and all his tribe came in. Now it is the soldier. Of course, he was always pop ular in a degree as a song subject, for there was the "Sword of Bunker Hill," the "Bowld Soger Boy," and their kin of the long ago, and "Doily Gray," "Only a Volunteer," and "Man Behind the Gun" of the not so long ago.

But now the music windows are martial with songs that have not, but might have for their titles. "Always Shoot to Kill." "See the White of Their Eyes." "I'll Be Buried in an Unknown Grave." "Darling Don't Kiss Another While I'm Gone "Bullets Are My Food," "Advancing From the Foe" and the "Waves of the Flag Are

Another sign of the spread of hated militarism is that the ladies wear military heels on their Cinderella shoes, carry gunmetal watches, stick pom-poms in their hats, wear belts, sashes, buttons and buckles, use little swords for hat pins, and get into an engagement wherever possible. This is all in honor of the army. Showing the ravaging growth of our desire for sea power there are sailor blouses, reefer suits

Every time a financier speaks of both candidates as good and satisfactory men the campaign fund collector feels as if a chill had struck him

President Roosevelt has politics enough of his own on hand without taking a per-

sonal part in the New York disturbances. Now and then Saratoga's attention is dis

tracted by politics from horse racing.

New York.

The republicans of New York were confronted with this situation: If they nominated Mr. Root they would be charged with surrendering to presidential dicta-He would be tagged as Roosevelt's Mr. Root, however-though not because of this fact-simplified matters by refusing the use of his name. If they nominated Mr. Woodruff he would be tagged as Platt's man, and that, with rough-and-tumble jokes about the candidate's figured waistcoats, would tip the opposition's arrows. If they nominated Mr. Higgins he would be tagged as Odell's man, and the candidate would be obliged to stand in the campaign for the Odell record, or whatever the opposition might present as that record.

Mr. Higgins was chosen, and the campaign begins. As to how successful the democrats will be in making him appear as Odell's man is a question. His private character is above reproach. His success in business has been marked. He has been enough of his own man to reach the second highest office in the state. As a politician his hands are clean. Le had over twothirds of the convention with him. The President is his friend, and neither Mr.

for the Odell record, the party in its platform espouses that.

Next week the democrats will choose their man. They are divided somewhat as the republicans have been. Mr. Stanchfield is tagged as Hill's man, and the opposition to him rests largely upon the charge. He has ability and fortune, and measures up pretty well to the requirements of the office. Mr. Jerome is a vigorous, slap-dash fighter, who won his spurs in the Low mayoralty campaign. He is honest and direct, but there are those who question whether he would score as well in the

governor's chair as he has been doing in the chair of a prosecuting attorney. Edward M. Shepard is a cold and intellectual proposition, over whom as a candidate the people might be expected to enthuse as over a problem in geometry. Some of them with an effort might work him out, but many would give him up without a trial He lacks the homely touches of everyday

Mr. Hill is again in eruption, and there are signs that the man nominated will be acceptable to him. He should be. The party throughout the country permitted Mr. Hill to name the candidate for President, it is holding him responsible for New York and the New York situation should be shaped by him.

"Sensational" Banking.

Sersationalism in banking has attracted the notice of financial newspapers and generally calls forth their condemnation. It would seem that some banking houses of cci siderable standing are resorting to means of gathering in deposits that are deemed reprehensible by the more sedate banking interests. The Wall Street Journal

"Banks are sending out solicitors and is-suing thousands of circulars in order to get business by offering inducements that are apart from the buying and selling of credit in its proper grading. It is credit with the chromo coupon attached To go into a thousand and one schemes of exploitation.
to offer extraordinary inducements to attract deposits, to adopt the methods of a fourth-class promoter, or of the circulation manager of the vellow newspaper, is to bring banking in disrepute."

Over sensationalism in banking or baking brewing or any business is apt to bring its own punishment. On the other hand, a man who is so "conservative" that he wants business to walk up to his office, knock twice, send in its card, take off its hat, wait three days to be received and then get a handshake like a frog on ice, will probably have trouble with his landlady at the end of the month.

Success lies somewhere between sensa-

tionalism and sloth. The golden mean is what a man should seek. "Conservatism" is a good, big, mouth-filling word, but it is susceptible of many definitions. It may mean one thing with one man and other things to another man. It takes on different meaning to the same man at different times. Men who are unprogressive and dry-rotted will defend themselves behind the word "conservatism." Caution may be carried to such an extreme that it becomes cowardice. But this is not to be construed into a defense of rashness or heedlessness. Bankers are advertising to increase their business. If they advertise judiciously and run their business rightly the chances are they will prosper. If they advertise in a way to offend the general sense of propriety and conduct their business wrongly the chances are they soon will not have a

Sympathy.

"Sympathy turning from Japan to Russia" is the text of an occasional interview Some people cannot work up any sympathy for a victor, right or wrong. They always want to sympathize with a man who is being battered. The Russians are certainly entitled to the sympathy of this class. That a man was a bully and the aggressor before being bruised and beaten does not matter. He is down, and needs sympathy. And, sympathy being so cheap, it is easy to give. Not every man who gives sympathy would make a cash

contribution When a policeman stands at a patrol box, holding a felon and waiting for the wagon, there will be somebody to sympathize with the felon and utter mutterings against the policeman. No matter how diabolical a murder a man may have done, he is al-

most sure of flowers in jail. There is another class of persons to whom success is so hateful that they cannot sympathize with anything or anybody that succeeds. Failure is the only thing they

But it is probable that the most peculiar thing about this story of the turning of the sympathetic tide is that it is not true.

Two Royal Babies.

The world will share in the happiness of the King of Italy as it recently did in that of the Czar of Russia. Each ruler desired a son, and the wishes of both have been gratified. The czar's happiness would be greater if affairs were not so unpromising for his country, but nothing exists to neutralize that of King Victor Emmanuel. He is showing himself to be a man of excellent capacity for affairs, conditions in his country have greatly improved since he ascended the throne, his domestic life is described as ideal, and now with an heir to the crown pestling on the queen's bosom nothing seems wanting to insure either the throne's stability or Italy's continued prosperity. If there is a peace congress called to settle the difficulty in the far east this young man should be elected an honorary member with leave to bring his rattle

Death.

In what strange forms death sometimes comes. The grim scythe bearer has no set form of approach. Sometimes he comes boldly in at the front door, sometimes knocking and sometimes not. Sometimes he comes stealthily in at the kitchen way. and sometimes climbs the porch to steal one's life after the fashion of a secondstory worker. Now and then he heralds his coming with a trumpet and often he does not even whisper a warning. He employes many tools and agents in his dark trade. Sometimes he uses a little gorm wriggling in a glass of unboiled water. Sometimes he uses a grade-crossing, and often he rushes about in an automobile.

Accounts of strange deaths occur in every ssue of the newspapers. A few days ago a dispatch told of a young woman praying by the grave of a sister, when the tomb stone fell and killed her.

A news item the other day told the pathetic story of a man who died in a Park Row newspaper office while reading over the "help-wanted" advertisements. He was looking for work. The news item concerning the man's death says: "He was a member of the Millwrights and Carpenters' Union. The union could not find work for him, but it will arrange for his burial." It is nearly always the case that me will give a man a coffin to rest in, rather

than a bed to sleep in. And yet a shroud costs as much as a blanket. It has long been a matter of remark how much more liberally we will treat a dead man than a live man. We even have a rule to speak no evil of the dead, whereas we find it very hard to say a good word for the living. We will buy cut roses in the dead of winter for the corpse, whereas for the man we would not have bought a head of cabbage

at the height of the vegetable season. Of course, the point may be made that some men are better after death than before, and that they should be treated bet-Platt nor Mr. Woodruff has a word but of respect and good will for him. He seems to be an individual in his own right. As with a man when he is alive. Then he will reared like an angry monster.

know about your generosity, and there is chance, however small, that he may return the favor.

The optimist will rejoice that Wednesday's five inches of rain came early instead of waiting till the weather would have transformed it into about two feet of snow

The poets will continue to refer to autumn as a melancholy season, despite the numerous delicacies it affords and its freedom from bathing accidents and excursion boat

Judge Parker had a stormy trip from Esopus to New York. It may have been a premonition of some of the interviews he was to have with Tammany politicians.

Mr. Timothy L. Woodruff cannot understand how a man who wears a plain ordinary vest could secure the preference that has been accorded to Mr. Higgins.

The German Emperor is a most versatile nan, but despite his assumptions as to art, science and nearly everything else he tacitly confesses his inability to understand the Monroe doctrine.

Sir Thomas Lipton ought not to let his custom of bringing a boat prevent him from running over and visiting the St. Louis exposition.

Japan will pause in the hostilities, but its preparations for further onslaughts will prevent Russia from enjoying unbroken

When Russia comes to rewarding heroes t is not likely that Lieut. Gen. Stoessel will be overlooked in the medal distribution.

There is one thing to be said in Harry Lehr's favor. He never threatened to go to England and be naturalized. Governor Odell had a long search for a

good man before he landed Mr. Higgins of Cattaraugus.

SHOOTING STARS.

She Meant Monocle. "What are you studying now?" asked

"We have taken up the subject of mole cules." answered her sor. "I hope you will be very attentive and practice constantly: I tried to get your father to wear one, but he couldn't make it

Mrs Cumrox.

stay in his eye."

A Cynical Theory. "Father." said the small boy, "why do they call a speech made at a banquet a

"My son." was the answer, "It is probably because they are so dry.'

A New Phase of the Case. He took the lady in his boat; She was a buxom neighbor.

She said "It's really capital." He muttered, "It is labor."

Her Opinion.

"I have been very much interested -ir hese experiments with titrahedral kites, said the man with gold glasses. "Yes," answered Mrs. Cumrox compla-

cently, "but I have about concluded that the surest way to get rid of all such things is to boil the drinking water."

Obliging.

"What do statistics show on this subject?" asked the campaign manager. "That is for you to say, sir," answered the trained mathematician. "What do you want them to show?"

A Candid Preference. Oh, Mistuh Pollywog, swimmin' in de

spring. You used to 'zasperate me 'bout as much as anything

ever run across. But now, although you's purty tough miss you; an' yoh absence leaves me tone

some sure enough. It used to kin o' fret my disposition when

I'd think I was liable to meet you every time I took a drink-But since dese scientific folks has looked de

subject through. I's learned dat you has neighbors dat's a heap sight wuss dan you.

I's feelin' right good natured to'ds you. Mistuh Pollywog, An' also to'd yoh father, who dey tells me

was a frog-I's heard about dem microbes dat's amakin' folks infirm,

An' ev'ry time I sees you, I'll be glad you ain't a germ.

Luxuries. From the New York World.

The members of a congregation in Wilkesbarre. Pa., in order to save money for the mortgage fund of their church have pledged themselves for one week not to eat meat, butter, pastries, candy, fruit (except home grown), delicacies or expensive foodstuffs. grown), delicacies or expensive foodstuffs. They will not ride in street cars and the women will do their own washing. These things are classed as "luxuries" in the agreement. It is quite possible that at the end of the week two-thirds of the members will have gained one luxury—better health than they have known for years. To cut than they have known for years. To cut both meat and fruit permanently out of one's dietary would not be wise, but there is no doubt that the average prosperous Americas, eats too much meat, sweets and pastries and walks and uses his hands and arms too little.

Great Times in Elk City.

From the Elk City (O. T.) Record. Wednesday morning as Mrs. Alice Blackburn was busily engaged in the kitchen some one spoke at the door, and on looking up she saw a crowd of ladies with buckets, dish pans, etc., filled to overflowing with everything good, and they just took possession. It was a complete surprise, and we truly had a great time and such a dinner! Misses Jennie Mitchen and Lethia West waited on the first table, and they west waited on the first table, and they became very uneasy for fear they would be completely left, but as they kept others waiting on them about one hour and sixtynine minutes, you can see they did not suffer. The crowd was the same as at Mrs. Croninger's the week before. We had more music, watermelon, lemonade, and the lat-est game of "conversation."

Dismal Republican Prospects.

From the Louisv.lle Courier-Journal. The republicans have practically abandoned New York. As goes New York, go Connecticut and New Jersey. Even Massachusetts will presently be a debatable state. Now for Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. If Tom Taggart don't carry Indiana—second warning—we'll hang him. In one word, there is nothing but encouragement everywhere along the political horizon for the democrats. It is the republicans who whistle to keep their courage up. tle to keep their courage up.

Oyama's Advantage.

from the Galveston News. Another advantage enjoyed by Field Mar-shal Oyama is that of having the board of strategy under his hat instead of in the national capital.

Mr. Hearst and Judge Parker. From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

There are a few languid inquiries why Mr. Hearst does not get into the fight at some point or other; but Mr. Hearst seems to know when he has had enough.

The Thunder Was Mad. From the Hamilton (Ga.) Journal.

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